

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 286

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Rotary Club of Knoxville upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable members who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the Rotary Club of Knoxville, which was founded on September 1, 1915, and remains the oldest and largest service club for business and professional leaders in the Knoxville area; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of its founding president, Colonel David C. Chapman, for whom Chapman Highway is named, the club's members worked for more than a decade to help create the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which was chartered by Congress in 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Knoxville continues to support this treasured park, and Colonel Chapman is revered as "the Father of the Smokies"; and

WHEREAS, to encourage better understanding in the world among young people, the Rotary Club of Knoxville supports the Interact Clubs at Webb School of Knoxville and Knoxville Catholic High School, the Rotaract Club at the University of Tennessee, and the Knoxville Rotaract Club for the community's young professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Knoxville provides annual college scholarships for area students, supports community and international humanitarian service projects, sponsors Rotary International Scholars, and hosts exchange students from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Knoxville and the Rotary Foundation of Knoxville continue to support the Knoxville community through involvement in annual literacy programs, environmental projects, and Knox County school playground renovations; and

WHEREAS, as part of its Centennial Celebration, the Rotary Club of Knoxville will become a pillar of support for the East Tennessee Historical Society and will dedicate the Rotary Peace Garden at the Knoxville Museum of Art, recognizing the Rotary's primary purpose, which is to promote goodwill, better understanding, and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, as the Rotary Club of Knoxville celebrates its rich history of one hundred years of public service, it is appropriate to honor the many club members, both past and present, who have volunteered their time, talent, and resources in order to serve their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Knoxville is most assuredly worthy of this General Assembly's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members, both past and present, of the Rotary Club of Knoxville for their tireless dedication to public service, congratulate them on the club's 100th anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.